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Cryonics ban challenged

COURTS

Group says law about freezing remains is not constitutional

A law prohibiting the sale of a service in B.C. that preserves human bodies at ultra-low temperatures after clinical death is being challenged in the province's courts.

The Lifespan Society of British Columbia and Keegan Macintosh filed a notice of civil claim Tuesday in B.C. Supreme Court, arguing sections of the province's Cremation, Interment and Funeral Services Act are unconstitutional because they prohibit the sale of cryonics.

Specifically, the plaintiffs allege sections of the law infringe on the Charter rights of life, liberty and security of person and are inconsistent with the principles of

fundamental justice.

Furthermore, B.C. is the only jurisdiction in the world that prohibits the sale or offer for sale of cryonics services, the plaintiffs's notice states.

"Here what we're really talking about is the right to a third method of disposition of remains," says Jason Gratl, the society's legal counsel.

"We say the act currently provides for interment. You can have your body buried, and it provides for cremation, but is there really a state interest, a valid and overriding state interest, that would justify restricting a person's right to choose the third option, namely to have one's body preserved by means of ultra-low temperatures?"

Neither a provincial government spokesperson nor Macintosh was available for comment, and the plaintiffs' allegations have yet to be tested in court.

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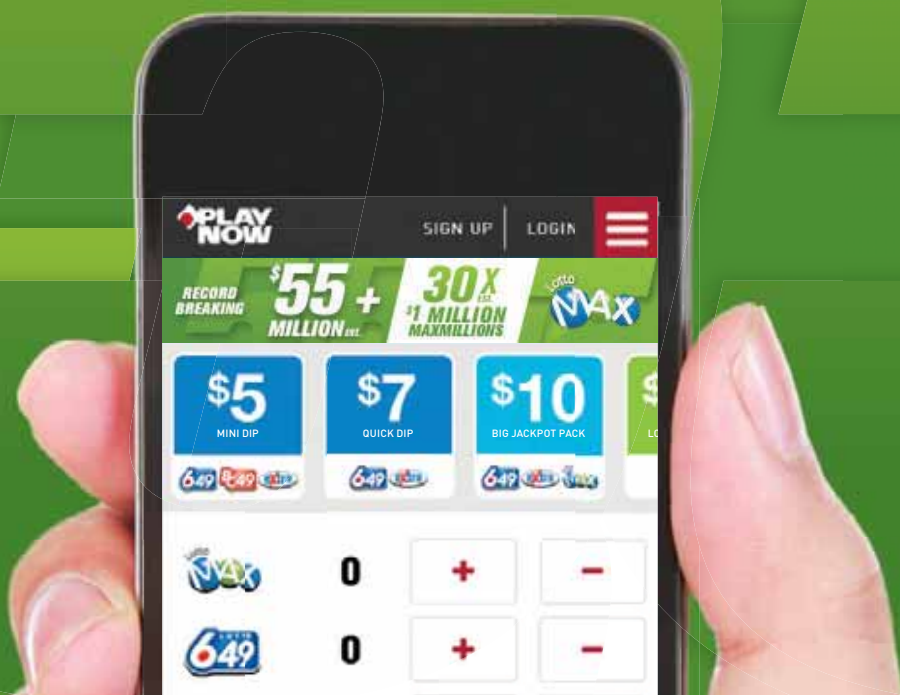
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IN BRIEF

Police on guard over threat to city employee

A City of Vancouver employee received a serious threat on Wednesday, resulting in increased police presence and security at city buildings and sites.

There are limited details about the threat, but police spokesman Sgt. Randy Fincham said it prompted the heightened security.

"The police do not believe that there is a risk to the general public at this time," Fincham said.

The extra security is out of an "abundance of caution," Mayor Gregor Robertson said, adding that employees are being asked to continue working unless otherwise directed.

EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Police investigate fatal shooting in Burnaby

Mounties say a shooting in Burnaby has claimed the life of an unidentified man.

RCMP say they were called to a residential street in the Vancouver-area suburb after reports of gunfire.

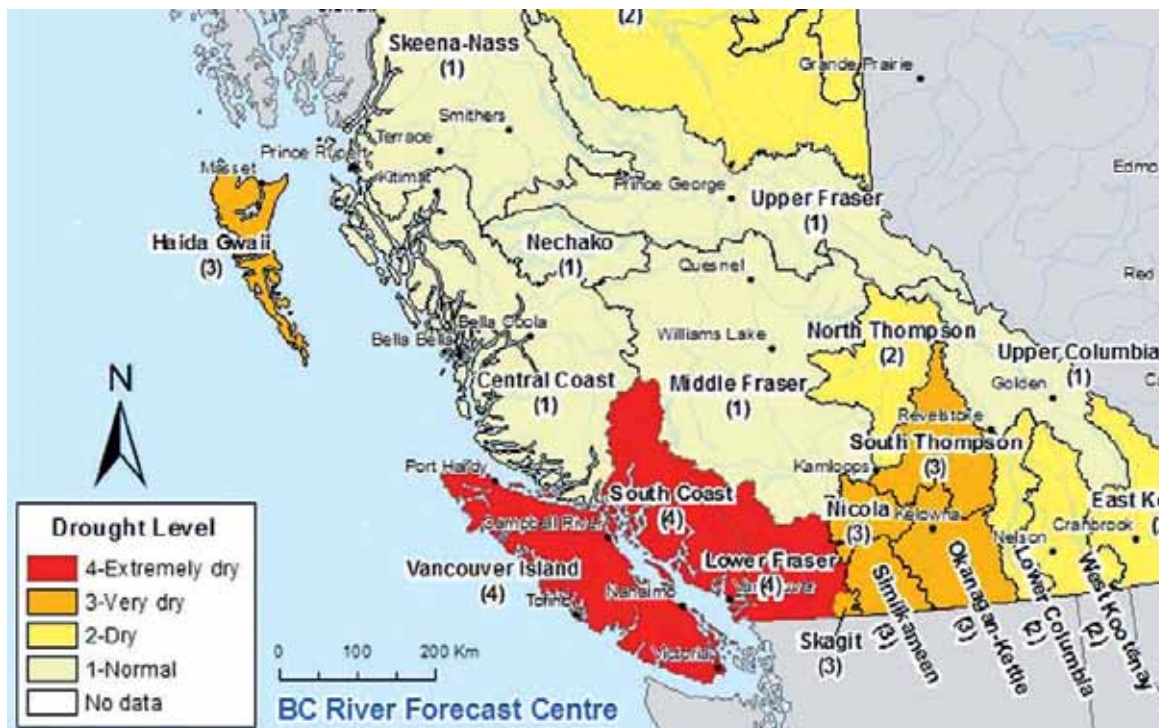
They say officers arrived and found a local resident suffering from gunshot wounds.

He was transported to hospital and died there.

Police do not believe the shooting was random.

The Integrated Homicide Investigation Team has been called in and will be working with the local RCMP detachment.

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The South Coast and Fraser Valley have been upgraded to Drought Level 4. COURTESY B.C. FOREST MINISTRY

Drought at max level

LOWER FRASER/SOUTH COAST

Dry conditions contributing to wildfires

B.C.'s forests minister says soaring temperatures and paltry rainfall have pushed the province's most heavily populated region to the highest alert level on the drought scale.

Steve Thomson said the Lower Fraser and the South Coast

have been upgraded to Drought Level 4, which is defined as extremely dry.

"In the coming days and weeks, it is likely conditions across the province will become drier," Thomson said Wednesday.

If the situation gets bad enough, the province may restrict personal water use and temporarily suspend commercial water licences in affected watersheds, said Wenda Mason, a provincial water-management official.

So far, no regulations have been introduced, as the government has encouraged residents to voluntarily curtail water consumption.

Mason said 10 millimetres of rain is forecast for northeastern B.C., but that would hardly be enough to end the drought conditions.

The only other Level 4 drought region in the province is Vancouver Island, where concern is focused on the southern part of the region. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Low water levels and high temperatures have also resulted in fishing restrictions, with closures being imposed or considered for nearly 100 rivers across the province, mostly on southern Vancouver Island and the central Interior.

FIRST NATIONS

MP sorry for 'deeply offensive' advert



Matt Kieltkyka
Metro | Vancouver

Joyce Murray, the Liberal MP for Vancouver Quadra, has apologized for a "deeply offensive" advertisement in a First Nations newspaper telling aboriginal high-school graduates that "sobriety, education and hard work leads to success."

The language in the ad, placed in the latest edition of the First Nation Drum, generated a flurry of online accusations of Murray being insensitive and discriminatory. Both the paper and Murray issued apologies on Wednesday, clarifying that the ad was created by the Drum's internal sales team and that Murray was not aware of its content.

"I would like to apologize unreservedly for the deeply offensive language in this advertisement," wrote Murray on Facebook, one of several platforms she apologized on. "I was not aware of this advertisement and I did not approve of its content. However, I assume full responsibility for what has happened."

Despite the backlash, Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs' Grand Chief Stewart Philip said the outrage was "misguided."

Though he had not seen the content of the ad, Philip, who has been sober for nearly 28 years, said he was supportive of "any messaging that highlights and reinforces the value of living a healthy and sober life."

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False Creek E. coli levels skyrocket, stats confirm

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Warm, dry winter made water quality worse this year, say city officials



Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

E. coli levels in the eastern part of False Creek have quadrupled from this time last year, but officials can't determine the culprit behind the jump or find a simple fix to flush out the fecal bacteria.

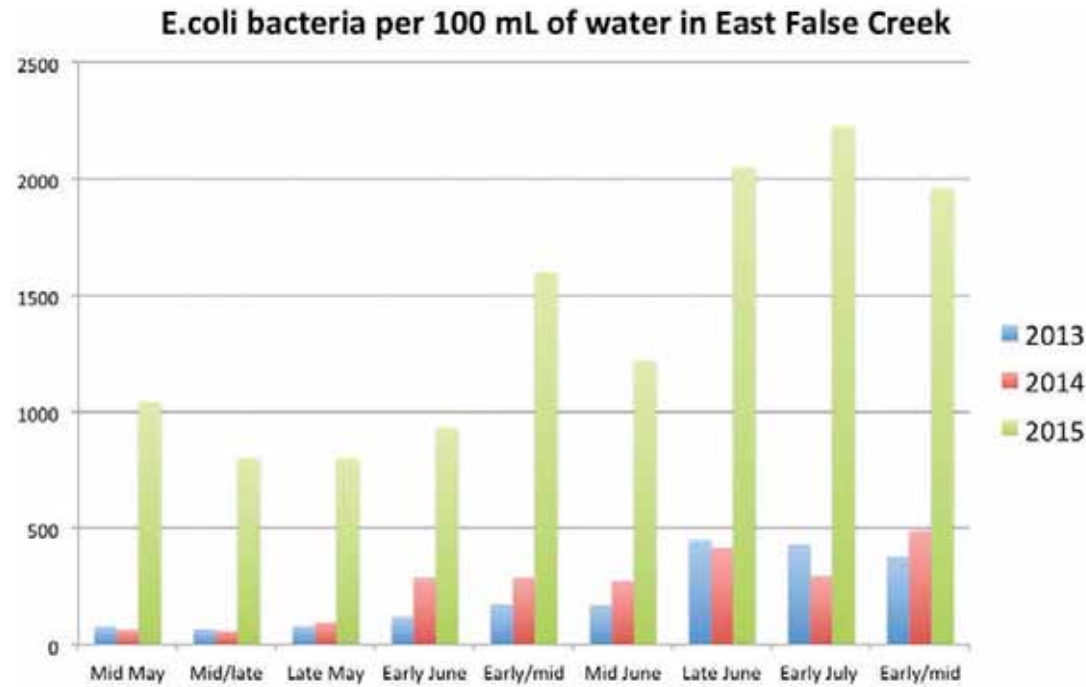
Weekly water samples collected by Metro Vancouver this spring and summer reveal astronomically higher bacteria levels this year than in the two prior, peaking at 16 times more E. coli in mid May than at that time in 2014.

The last count on July 9 found 1,961 E. coli per 100 mL of water. Swimming is unsafe when E. coli exceeds 200 parts per 100 mL.

The warmer, drier winter undoubtedly made water quality worse from the start of the season, according to officials from Vancouver Coastal Health, Metro Vancouver and the City of Vancouver. But it's tough to pinpoint why this year is so much worse, said Brian Crowe, Vancouver's director of water, sewers and district energy.

"It seems most likely to be the combination of boater activity, inappropriate dumping of sewage from boats, very warm water and very limited fresh water," Crowe said in an interview Wednesday.

Crowe's team has put in an "extraordinary" effort to conduct detailed inspections of the sewer system that feeds into the



A comparison of levels of E. coli bacteria per 100 mL of water in East False Creek from May to July in 2013-2015. The water samples were done by Metro Vancouver and published by Vancouver Coastal Health. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

most feces-laden part of the creek near Science World. This includes using dye to ensure plumbing in nearby condo buildings sends wastewater into the correct pipes.

"We've found some minor issues we've been correcting, but they're typical of a big, old sewer system," he said.

E. coli levels dropped in the most recent count, Crowe noted, which could be in part due to these fixes, the park board offering free pump outs at the civic marinas and

a public awareness campaign complete with slogans "pump, don't dump" and "scoop the poop."

"We're seeing a bit of an improvement but we're not letting up," Crowe said. "We really ask people to be helpful if they're marine users by not discharging into False Creek or anywhere near our beaches."

Metro Vancouver increased its monitoring and checked its operations. Based on that, it says the Lions Gate wastewater

treatment plant and its collection system are not the problem.

Meantime, Vancouver Coastal Health spokeswoman Tiffany Akins reminded people to stay out of the water and asks all kayakers and paddlers to wash with soap and water after boat rides. Unlike swimming there's no specific threshold for VCH to ban kayakers from the water, she said, but paddlers are asked to be extremely cautious.

HOMES

Real estate red tape

Steer clear of the District of North Vancouver and head to Abbotsford if you want quick approval to build a new home.

The North Shore municipality was ranked as the most tedious place in the Lower Mainland to get approval for a new build, be it a single-family home or a multi-family complex, according to a report released by the Fraser Institute on Thursday.

Abbotsford, the least geographically constrained municipality in the region, won the title for the easiest and cheapest place to build.

The ranking is based on approval timelines, timeline uncertainty, regulatory costs and fees, likelihood of a rezoning and the level of friendliness or opposition from local councils and community groups.

The data comes from a survey of 43 residential developers and homebuilders conducted in fall 2014, only 12 per cent of which specialize in detached homes. There was only enough information to rank 10 cities.

Vancouver and the City of North Vancouver were the second and third worst places to build new homes.

Burnaby and Coquitlam ranked the second and third best places to build. The report concludes that regulation varies significantly across the Lower Mainland.

The Fraser Institute intends to do the same analysis across the country so it can see where regulation is a burden on the housing market.

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PEMBERTON

Festival promises to be bigger, better

Bigger is better — at least according to the Pemberton Music Festival organizers, who promise this weekend's event will draw even more artists and fans than last year.

"We're going to be much larger this year," said A.J. Niland, CEO of HUKA Entertainment, the New Orleans-based concert promoter behind the massive music festival that gets underway at the foot of Mount Currie in Pemberton, B.C., on Thursday.

Nearly 100 artists are scheduled to perform at the four-day festival, including Kendrick Lamar, The Black Keys, J. Cole, The War on Drugs, Hozier, Edward Sharpe & the Magnetic Zeros, Missy Elliott, Weezer and

Jane's Addiction, as well as a host of comedians, including Tim & Eric, Nick Offerman and Reggie Watts. That diverse lineup is already proving a hit with festivalgoers, said Niland, with attendance up to about 30,000 per day, an increase of 10,000 per day from last year. New additions to this year's festival include a craft beer garden, a cinema with late-night movies and early morning cartoons, complimentary cold milk on the weekend for cereal and coffee, and, of course, morning yoga sessions. Metro will be on-site at the Pemberton Music Festival all weekend. Visit metronews.ca for more stories, artist interviews and photos.

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Fans at the 2014 Pemberton Music Festival.

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IN BRIEF

Fake Pemberton festival tickets sold on Craigslist

Coquitlam RCMP are warning people to be careful when buying Pemberton Music Festival tickets through third parties and online classifieds like Craigslist.

The warning comes after Mounties had to break up a fight on Tuesday night between several men on the street over a Craigslist ticket sale. According to RCMP, several victims purchased Pemberton festival tickets through the online classified site for \$280 each but later

suspected the tickets weren't real. They arranged a second meeting with the seller, and that's when police say the argument escalated into a physical altercation.

Anyone who has purchased tickets for the festival with the serial numbers 00991241865453, 00991241865354 and 00991241865255 is asked to contact police. RCMP say a 21-year-old Coquitlam man has been arrested in connection with the incident. Charges are pending.

MATT KIETLYKA/METRO



Sam Roberts Band performs at Bluesfest in Ottawa on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS/OTTAWA BLUESFEST/PATRICK DOYLE

Sam Roberts speaks on his roots, identity

MUSIC

Singer says connection to Canada has only deepened

He may not have ever lived there, but Sam Roberts still considers South Africa his second home.

The Canadian singer-guitarist, who was born in Montreal in 1974 to South African parents who had immigrated just a few weeks earlier, said he still goes back to visit family there nearly every year.

"I think it's just an amazing country," he told Metro ahead of his headlining performance at the Pemberton Music Festival

on Thursday. "I definitely have deep roots and just a connection with the place that has grown even independent of my family life there."

That sentiment might seem unusual coming from a Montreal-based musician whose song lyrics, like "he's on his way to Thunder Bay" and "her soft brown hair is as long as the Canadian highway," have painted the six-time Juno Award winner as somewhat of a poster boy for Canadiana.

But, as far as Roberts is concerned, the feeling of having two homes is all "part of the Canadian story."

Roberts described his upbringing as somewhat sheltered from Canadian culture and history. It wasn't until he and his band

"The longer our career has gone on, the more those places have opened up to us."

Sam Roberts

started touring across this country that he developed a fascination and appreciation for all things Canadian.

He said music afforded him the opportunity to see both major cities and smaller communities, like Pemberton, where the band played at the original music festival in 2008.

"The longer our career has

gone on, the more those places have opened up to us," he said. "I think that that has just deepened my connection with Canada far beyond anything that I could ever have imagined."

Roberts said he is looking forward to sharing that love of Canada with the audience when he takes to the stage Thursday night at the foot of majestic Mount Currie. The band is also playing a free concert in Whistler on Wednesday night.

"You've got this stage with bright lights and loud music coming from it and yet you'll find people sort of gazing up at the incredible mountains and countryside," he said.

"It's hard not to be taken by a place like that."

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City decrees 'Patio Day'



Emily Jackson
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'Tis a day that will surely go down in history for casual imbibers who would rather sip cocktails under summer skies than inside a dark bar, staring longingly at the folks who left work early enough to snag a coveted patio seat.

At the request of Mayor Gregor Robertson, the City of Vancouver has officially decreed Monday, Aug. 3 as the inaugural "Patio Day," a one-day event dubbed as a celebration of local food and culture.

For one day only this August long weekend, restaurants and bars will be able to place temporary patios either on the sidewalk or the parking stalls directly in front of their properties.

Establishments must apply for a temporary licence by June 22 if they want to host people on either the sidewalk or the street (not both). The permits will be free for businesses that don't serve alcohol, but the province will charge \$110 for food-primary applications and \$330 for liquor-primary spots.

Residents will have until 11 p.m. to enjoy these patios before they become a fleeting memory.

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The province will charge **\$330** for liquor-primary spots.

Carousel Theatre teens spin Henry V

BACKSTAGE PASS

Sixteen-year-old Noah Heyl plays the king

Graeme McRanor
For Metro | Vancouver

What goes around, comes around. In this case, that's Carousel Theatre for Young People's Teen Shakespeare program celebrating 25 years of inspiring young actors.

To mark the anniversary season, the program will stage Henry V as an outdoor performance on Granville Island, featuring 16 local teen actors under the direction of veteran actor, director and instructor Mike Stack.

Sixteen-year-old Noah Heyl plays King Henry.

Support the arts, support the kids: check out Henry V at Performance Works Outdoor Stage (1218 Cartwright St.) on Granville Island from July 24 to Aug. 8. Tickets are free but seating is limited (advance reservations available for \$5 per seat or \$6 with a blanket).

More information at CarouselTheatre.ca.

Baba's back

If you've ever wanted to trace the roots of faith from tribal animism to radical Islam — and everything in between — you'll want to check out Baba Brinkman's The Rap Guide to Religion, back for one night only July 23 at the Waterfront Theatre.

It kicks off the Fringe's new project, Theatre Wire, billed as a "one-stop shop for all your



Members of Carousel Theatre's Teen Shakespeare program are performing Henry V on Granville Island. CONTRIBUTED

theatre needs."

"We love it when artists who started at the Fringe stay connected to us after they've become known internationally," says Fringe executive director David Jordan.

"We're thrilled to be presenting Baba. It's exciting to see such an intellectual topic presented in a unique style."

Tickets \$25. More information at TheatreWire.com.

Hip-hop hooray

The DOXA Documentary Film Festival Motion Pictures film Series presents its first-ever free outdoor summer screening at Robson Square.

It's the Vancouver premiere of Bryn Evan's Hip Hop-oper-

ation, a film that follows a group of elderly New Zealanders on an adventure of a lifetime after they decide to compete in the 2013 World Hip Hop Championship in Las Vegas.

Watch it at Robson Square (800 Robson Street) on Tuesday, July 21 at 9 p.m. More information at DoxaFestival.ca.

TRANSGENDER RIGHTS

Mayor calls on gov't to step up

With two weeks to go until Vancouver celebrates Pride, Mayor Gregor Robertson is calling on the provincial and federal governments to enshrine transgender rights in legislation.

The mayor will ask for council's support next week for his motion calling on the higher governments to grant gender identity and expression the same protection as sexual orientation under the B.C. Human Rights Code, the Canadian Human Rights Act and the Criminal Code of Canada.

"The LGBTTTQ community has made hard-fought progress in recent years to secure equal rights, but there is still work to be done to guarantee that transgender residents and all Canadians receive equal protection under the law," Robertson said in a statement.

The motion also calls on the city to consult with the LGBTQ2+ advisory committee and the trans and gender-variant inclusion steering committee on ways to make civic facilities, operations and programs safe and inclusive.

The city is playing catch up with the Vancouver School Board and the Vancouver Park Board, both of which made strides to protect transgender residents last year. The school board adopted a progressive policy that allows students to use the name and washroom that corresponds to their gender identity, and the park board launched a trans-inclusive campaign at its recreation centres and swimming pools.

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Cuban rowers win silver then defect to the U.S.

PAN AM GAMES

4 members of national team cross border after event

Four Cuban rowers have defected from the Pan American Games and travelled to the United States, their coach said Wednesday.

Liosmel Ramos and Wilber Turro dropped out before the regatta began on Saturday, while Manuel Suarez and Orlando Sotolongo competed in earlier races and then withdrew, said coach Juan Carlos Reyes. The four have been in touch with teammates through Facebook, Reyes said.

The Games rowing venue in St. Catharines, Ont., is only a few kilometres from the U.S. border. Games officials said Wednesday morning that they weren't aware of the defections.

"I'm not aware of the specific point but we have a protocol that we would follow. This is some-



Defector Orlando Sotolongo, left, with his silver medal teammates. PETER POWER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

thing that is dealt with through our integrated security unit and if necessary, through the relevant national Olympic committee," said Games CEO Saad Rafi.

Cuban refugees can apply for permanent residence a year after



We have a protocol that we would follow.

Games CEO Saad Rafi

being cleared that they have no criminal or prior immigration history, U.S. Customs and Border Protection said in a statement.

Before defecting, two of the rowers had won silver medals at the Pan Am Games: Sotolongo,

18, placed second in the men's quadruple sculls, as did Suarez, 25, in the men's coxless fours.

Turro, Ramos and Suarez won gold together in the men's lightweight coxless four at the 2011 Pan Am Games in Mexico.

Dozens of athletes, many from Cuba, have defected during international sports events over the years.

Eight members of the Cuban delegation defected when Canada last hosted the Pan Am Games in 1999. When Winnipeg first staged the Games in 1967, a Cuban boxer defected shortly after winning a gold medal.

Two players from the Cuban women's soccer team defected in 2011 after facing off with the Canadian team in Vancouver in an Olympic qualifying match. They reunited with relatives in the U.S. And three Cuban soccer players fled to the U.S. the night before a World Cup qualifying match in Toronto in the fall of 2012. They now play for a professional league in Charleston, S.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VOLUNTEERISM

Medal honours giving

A new official honour has been created to recognize Canadian volunteers.

The Sovereign's Medal for Volunteers will be awarded to those who have made a significant, sustained, unpaid contributions to their community.

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PREMIERS' MEETING

PM's absence 'a slap in the face'

Canada's premiers support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's recommendations and will act on them with or without Ottawa's help, Newfoundland and Labrador Premier Paul Davis said Wednesday.

"We will together, jointly, make this happen," Davis told a news conference after hosting provincial and territorial leaders and the heads of five national native groups in Happy Valley-Goose Bay, N.L. Davis said the provinces have not only pledged to act on the commission's 94 recommen-

dations but, in some cases, have already started.

"They're important commitments that we need to follow up on." Otherwise, what Davis described as the commission's important work could be wasted, he said. Prime Minister Stephen Harper's long-standing absence from first ministers' meetings is a missed chance for collaboration, Davis said.

"We all believe that the federal government should be providing that leadership. In the absence of the federal government, instead

of just letting it sit and wait, we're going to take those steps."

Davis said Manitoba will host a second national roundtable on missing and murdered aboriginal women to follow up on last winter's event in Ottawa.

Dawn Lavell Harvard, president of the Native Women's Association of Canada, said she was pleased with Wednesday's meeting despite what she called a lack of respect from Ottawa. She lashed out at the federal government for not attending, calling it "a slap in the face." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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IN BRIEF

Wildlife flees wildfires

The wildfires in northern Saskatchewan, burning since late May, have charred forests and forced wildlife to find new homes.

Animals such as elk, deer, moose and bears have moved south to get ahead of the forest fires before it's too late, Darrell Crabbe, Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation executive director, told radio station CKOM.

He's concerned about at-risk species such as caribou, who live in "old forest" areas that are usually the first to burn. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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Greece votes for austerity

BAILOUT

Protesters hurl petrol bombs at police as harsh bill debated

Greek lawmakers voted overwhelmingly early Thursday to approve a harsh austerity bill demanded by bailout creditors, despite significant dissent from members of Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' left-wing party.

The bill, which imposes sweeping tax hikes and spending cuts, fuelled anger in the governing Syriza party and led to a revolt against Tsipras, who has insisted the deal forged after a marathon weekend eurozone summit was the best he could do to prevent Greece from catastrophically crashing out of Europe's joint currency.

The bill was approved with 229 votes in favour, 64 against and six abstentions — and won the support of three pro-European opposition parties.

The vote came after an anti-austerity demonstration by



Protesters march in front of the Greek parliament in Athens Wednesday as lawmakers began debating reforms needed to unlock a new eurozone bailout. LOUISA GOULIAMAKI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

about 12,000 protesters outside parliament degenerated into violence as the debate was getting underway Wednesday night. Riot police battled youths who hurled petrol bombs for about an hour before the clashes died down.

The bill was the first step



I don't know if we did the right thing.

Euclid Tsakalotos,
Finance Minister

Greece must take in order to begin negotiations with creditors on a new bailout — its third in five years — of about 85 billion euros (\$93 billion) in loans over three years.

Dissenters argued that Greeks could not face any further cuts after six years

of recession that saw poverty and unemployment skyrocket and wiped out a quarter of the country's economy.

Tsipras has been battling all week to persuade party hardliners to back the deal.

"We had a very specific choice: A deal we largely disagreed with, or a chaotic default," he told parliament ahead of the vote.

Tsipras had urged Syriza members to back the bill despite having urged voters to reject earlier, milder creditor demands in a July 5 referendum.

Finance Minister Euclid Tsakalotos said the deal Greece reached with its creditors on Monday was the only possible choice.

"I must tell you, that Monday morning at 9:30, it was the most difficult day of my life. It was a decision that will weigh on me for the rest of my life," Tsakalotos said.

"I don't know if we did the right thing. But I know we did something with the sense that we had no choice. Nothing was certain and nothing is," he told parliament.

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NO WRITE-OFFS

German officials concede the IMF may be right in saying that Greece's debt is too big to pay, no matter how many years it gets to pay it. Still, they exclude any write-offs. Here's why:

1. It's taxpayers' money, and these are elected officials in a country where bailing out Greeks for previous profligacy is not popular.

2. The European Union treaty forbids countries from taking on each other's debts.

3. Give one country a break, and others may wonder why they can't have one, too.

4. Future eurozone governments may look at the debt writedown and feel less compelled to keep debt under control.

5. Since its first bailout in 2010, Greece has been promising reforms. Somehow it never quite gets done.

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LANDMARK TRIAL

Ex-SS guard, 94, gets four years in prison

Oskar Groening confessed during his trial to feeling "moral guilt" for serving as an SS sergeant at Auschwitz. On Wednesday, a court ruled that he was guilty of being an accessory to the murder of 300,000 Jews and sentenced him to four years in prison.

The 94-year-old, who testified that he oversaw the collection of prisoners' belongings, listened expressionlessly to the verdict after a 2-1/2-month trial.

The verdict renewed hope of more prosecutions of former SS members — no matter their age. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SPACE

Scientists amazed at close-ups of Pluto

Scientists have released the first up-close images ever of Pluto and its big moon Charon. And they say they're amazed.

The long-awaited images were unveiled Wednesday in Maryland, home to mission operations for NASA's New Horizons spacecraft.

A zoom-in of Pluto reveals an icy range about as high as the Rockies.

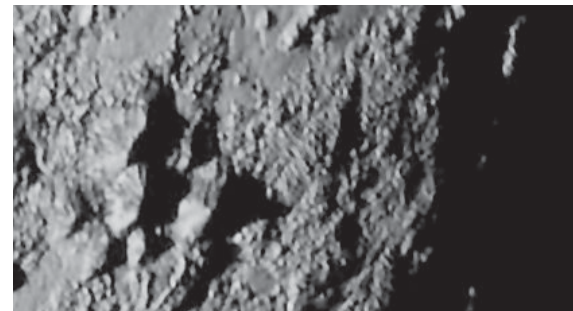
To the scientists' great surprise, there are no impact craters. On Charon, deep troughs and canyons can be seen.

The images were collected as New Horizons swept within 12,400 kilometres of Pluto on Tuesday, becoming Pluto's first visitor in its 4.5 billion-year existence.

Scientists didn't know until Tuesday night — when the spacecraft phoned home — that the encounter was a success.

New Horizons already is 1.6 million kilometres beyond the dwarf planet, and 4.8 million kilometres from Earth.

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This image provided by NASA on Wednesday shows a region near Pluto's equator. NASA/JHUAPL/SWRI VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NORWAY

Fuel tanker crashes in undersea tunnel

The trailer of a tanker truck with some 16,500 litres of fuel got loose Wednesday and crashed into a subsea tunnel wall, causing a huge explosion, Norwegian rescue officials said. No one was seriously hurt.

The tunnel has been closed to everyone except firefighters. More than 20 people were evacuated from the tunnel and a nearby house, police spokesman Joern Lasse Refsnes said.

Rescue spokeswoman Magni

Brandsoey said the truck driver was able to get out and call a rescue centre. It was not clear how the trailer got loose.

Truck driver Tore Myrestrand told local newspaper Firda he had problems with the brakes in the deepest part of the tunnel that goes 91 metres below sea level.

Photos posted on Norwegian media show a huge black billow of smoke in the mountainous area in western Norway.

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BoC cuts key interest rate

FINANCE

Loonie dives to post-recession low with rate reduction

The Bank of Canada cut its key interest rate on Wednesday, slashed its outlook for the economy and predicted a contraction in the second quarter due to lower oil prices and slumping exports — but the central bank governor wouldn't describe the country's economic woes as a recession.

The bank cut its target for the overnight rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 0.5 per cent, sending the Canadian dollar plunging to a post-recession low.

The loonie was down more than a full U.S. cent Wednesday afternoon to levels not seen since March 2009, when Canada was in the midst of a deep recession.

At one point, Canada's dollar was worth about 77.29 cents US, down from the previous close, but had been even lower earlier in the day.

TD Canada Trust was the first of Canada's banks to respond, though it only passed



Bank of Canada Senior Deputy Governor Carolyn Wilkins and Governor Stephen Poloz respond to questions during a news conference in Ottawa on Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



It's not a true recession, since an employment decline hasn't joined in with the tumble in output measures.

CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld

part of the rate cut as it reduced its prime rate by a tenth of a percentage point to 2.75

per cent. Moves in the prime rate directly affect the amount charged on loans such as vari-

able rate mortgages and floating rate lines of credit.

The central bank also explained its lower outlook for economic growth — from 1.9 per cent earlier this year to 1.1 per cent — is due to Canadian oil producers cutting their investment plans by close to 40 per cent this year, compared with an earlier estimate of

about 30 per cent.

"It's not a true recession, since an employment decline hasn't joined in with the tumble in output measures, but the GDP decline opened a window for a further ease by a dovishly inclined Bank of Canada governor," CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld said following the bank's announcement.

Slowing growth in China and non-resource exports faltering — a trend the bank described as "a puzzle that merits further study" — have also played a part in Canada's economic difficulties.

Nonetheless, Bank of Canada governor Stephen Poloz said exports are expected to fuel growth in the second half of the year.

The rate cut marked the second time this year that the Bank of Canada has reduced its target for the overnight rate.

By slashing it, the central bank is hoping to jumpstart the economy by making it cheaper for consumers and companies to borrow money.

Economists had been split in their predictions about what the Bank of Canada would do, with most, but not all, calling for a rate cut.

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IN BRIEF

Amazon hits Prime target

Amazon aimed for Christmas in July with its much-hyped "Prime Day" sale. But some shoppers found a lump of coal instead. The online retailer said Prime Day would offer bigger sales than those during the winter holiday shopping season, but some Amazon customers were disappointed by Prime Day. Some thought the discounts weren't deep enough. Early data showed the promotion boosted sales, though. Amazon said by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, the speed with which customers were ordering had already surpassed 2014 Black Friday.

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Tilley sold to U.K. company

Tilley Endurables, the Toronto company behind the iconic Tilley hat, now has a British overlord but its signature line is still as Canadian as maple syrup, says president and CEO Mary Coleen Shanahan.

Tilley announced Wednesday it had been sold in late April to a subsidiary of U.K.-based private equity firm Hilco Capital, known for its investments in distressed companies.

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FASHION

Le Chateau matures clothing line in turnaround bid

Le Chateau hopes to reverse years of financial losses by introducing a more mature line to customers who were loyal in their rebellious youth but are now seeking fashionable office attire.

"We were young and rebellious when we started in the '60s and that whole era of society has changed so we're now having to offer our product in

the right way for today's culture," founder Herschel Segal said in an interview after Wednesday's annual meeting.

The Montreal-based retailer has been looking for ways to stem four years of losses amid declining sales.

While Segal said the company has moved slowly to reposition itself, it is regaining its footing and making the

right moves.

That includes going more upscale by targeting working men and women in their 20s to mid-30s.

Executive vice-president Franco Rocchi said the targeted customer can also be older and include those who fondly remember shopping at Le Chateau before they had jobs, got married or had children.

"We were a rite of passage and a lot of the market remembers us as that and we want to let them know that our product today has now grown up."

With the help of ad agency Sid Lee, Le Chateau plans to promote its more mature styling in an ad campaign next month as it prepares to introduce a loyalty card in 2016

and expand its online wedding boutique launched last spring.

Le Chateau has been developing the change over the past few years, including the rollout of a new store concept that features better lighting, more comfortable fitting rooms and grouping clothing displays by use, such as daywear, career and special occasion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

APPLE

New iPod Touch gets better processor, camera

Although the iPod's popularity has waned, Apple is updating its music player for the first time in nearly three years by giving the flagship Touch model a faster processor and better cameras.

The new iPod Touch also enables Apple Music, a \$10-a-month service that offers unlimited playback of millions of songs. Apple Music launched June 30 as music fans increasingly embrace subscriptions over pay-per-song services such as Apple's industry-leading iTunes.

Although music players existed before the original iPod's debut in 2001, the iPod was the

first to simplify syncing with digital music collections on personal computers. It was Apple's first success beyond personal computers and began a company transformation that led to the iPhone in 2007, the iPad in 2010 and the Apple Watch this year.

Many people now listen to music on smartphones rather than iPods, though. Sales of iPods peaked at nearly 55 million in fiscal 2008, the year after the iPhone came out. In the most recent fiscal year, which ended last September, Apple sold 14 million iPods — compared to 169 million iPhones.



Apple's iPod Touch update is the first in nearly three years. APPLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Among the improvements are an improved processor that now matches that in the iPhone 6 and 6 Plus from last fall, rather

than one from the iPhone 4s in 2011. Apple says the new chip is six times faster for general tasks and 10 times faster for graphics.

The rear camera can now take sharper pictures, at eight megapixels. That matches recent iPhones and exceeds the five megapixels in the previous Touch.

Apple is introducing a new \$399 model with 128 gigabytes, matching the iPhone's maximum capacity. The \$199 base model has 16 gigabytes, enough for thousands of songs, though the iPod Touch is meant to hold photos, video and apps, too.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE: ELLEN VANSTONE ON LITTERBUGS



THE QUESTION

While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. Was I right to draw attention to their anti-social behaviour?

Dear Ellen,

While driving recently, I noticed people in the car ahead of me were throwing candy wrappers out the window. At the next red light, I put my car in park, stormed up to the driver's window, and proceeded to strongly suggest they NOT throw garbage on to the street. They were extremely shocked! I actually felt kind of bad about upsetting the nice-looking group of young men and women who were clearly on their way to work.

Would it have been better to just ignore them? Or was I right to draw their attention to their anti-social behaviour?

Sincerely, Ellen.

Dear Ellen,

Okay, yes, I'm the Ellen who wrote that letter — the reason being that I feel strongly about littering and I simply cannot trust that a reader will bring up the subject eventually, or ever. It's an important topic, and I'm being completely transparent here about my agenda and my motives.

Also, the letter itself is sincere and factually accurate. I have, on occasion, gotten out of my car to remind other drivers on the road not to eject garbage from their car windows. In my expert opinion, I am perfectly within my rights to do so — I was respectful in my interaction with the litterbugs, and my actions were in keeping with the moral responsibility we all carry, which is to speak up against crimes both big and small against society rather than turn our backs on, and thus implicitly condone, destructive behaviours that hurt us all.

That being said, I do not advise any reader to follow my



If they're rude or ignorant enough to litter, who knows what other distasteful or even violent tendencies they might have?

example. And, having thought it through, I won't do it again myself.

First of all, it probably isn't safe to leave your car running in the middle of the road in order to chase down another car for the purposes of delivering a lecture on urban etiquette. Secondly, you have no idea who these litterbugs might be — if they're rude or

ignorant enough to litter, who knows what other distasteful or even violent tendencies they might have? Thirdly, if you have passengers in your own car, it is inconsiderate, ergo rude, to abandon them in the middle of traffic, not to mention make them fear for their own safety if the litterbugs you are lecturing do tend towards violence and decide to retaliate physically.

If, however, you happen to be on foot and run into another (non-violent-looking) pedestrian who is tossing their trash willy-nilly, don't be afraid to say something. We're not talking public shaming here, just a friendly reminder that trash goes into trash bins.

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Pay your own way on dates: It's the feminist thing to do



Genna Buck
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Every time I think we finally live in a progressive utopia, I see something like this Facebook post, from a female friend:

"Just went on a first date. A blind date. And had to pay. For both of us." The comments: "No more dates for that guy," "Uhhh winner!"

I find this attitude bratty, sexist and out of date. Think of how much paying for dates — even only first dates — adds up over a man's lifetime. It's only fair that ladies pay once in a while. With a few exceptions (if you suggest somewhere fancy, you pay), going Dutch should be the default.

To be clear: I'm talking about dating here. Treating your long-term partner once in a while is lovely. But by that time, you're making financial decisions as a de facto family unit. I'm also being a tad heteronormative (with same-sex dating, I'm told it's more common to split the bill).

I asked my date the other day what he'd do if a woman he was seeing never paid. He said he'd never ask, but simmer with resentment and eventually dump her. Seems time to break the taboo and communicate about money.

Conventionally, the asker pays. But if you meet online or on a dance floor and have been texting for a while, how do you even know who asked?

The lad mag Ask Men advises, "Make the first move when the bill comes. This goes not just for the first date,

but the early stages of the relationship. It indicates you're responsible. Women like that."

There's no argument for men paying that doesn't boil down to sexist garbage: "It makes me feel special" (work on your self-confidence), "It shows he's serious" (try asking if he's serious) and "I deserve to be treated" (the world doesn't owe you, princess).

Several male friends I asked said whoever's the least broke should pay — fair, though impractical. But a couple said a girl who asks to split is trying to make things non-romantic.

Getting treated's not romantic. This tradition didn't evolve because of chivalry. Now the gender wage gap is narrowing for professionals without kids, but historically women didn't have their own money.

Yet nothing was free. Having your meal paid for sets up a dynamic. You get a gift, and give something in return: your time, attention or more. It's a form of social control, though most men wouldn't see it that way. They're just being nice and following norms.

Paying your way signals you're there because you want to be. Being assertive about this can be hard. So say, "I always pay my share. It's important to me." Call it a political stance. You don't want to be with someone who doesn't respect your views anyways.

So do your part to change the culture. Next time you're catching a server's eye, think of the feminists who fought for your right to men's problems — work drama, combat wounds, and now, paying for dates. Then reach for your purse.

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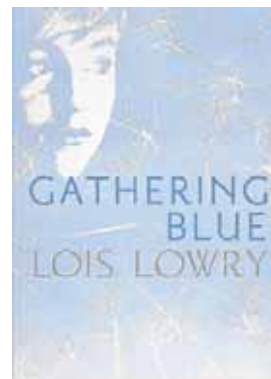
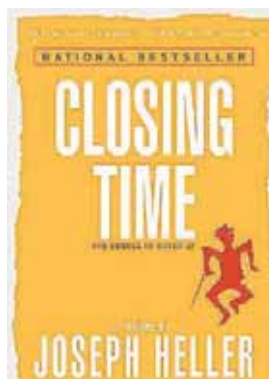
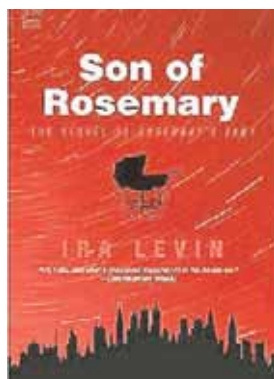
To Kill a Mockingbird isn't the only classic to get a Part Two

Asia Ewart
Metro | New York

With Harper's Lee's *Go Set a Watchman* hitting shelves, we've rounded up sequels to some of the most popular reads of the last two centuries

Son of Rosemary by Ira Levin

After 26 years in a coma caused by the Castevets' Satanic coven, Rosemary awakens to find that her son Adrian is now an adult trying to do good in the world, despite his evil origins. The reunion turns sinister when she learns Adrian might not be able to help who he is and the human race could be doomed.



+ ON SHELVES

Harper Lee book gets mixed reviews

• Harper Lee's second novel flew out of stores Tuesday in one of the most eagerly anticipated book releases in modern publishing history.

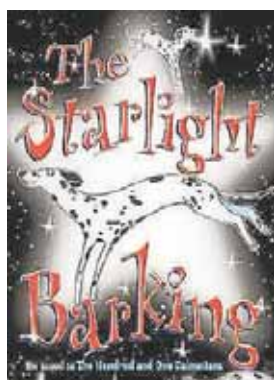


• Lee's only previous novel is considered a 20th Century classic that defined racial injustice in the Depression-era South of the U.S. and became standard reading in classrooms across the world.

• But many Lee fans have been hurt, embarrassed and even angered that Scout's adored father Atticus has turned into a bigot, a fall from grace for one of America's most loved literary heroes. AFP

The Starlight Barking by Dodie Smith

This sequel puts a sci-fi spin on the classic tale of an English couple and their 101 Dalmatians. When every human on Earth suddenly falls into a deep sleep, Dalmatians Pongo and Missus — along with the Prime Minister's dog Cadpig and other canines across London — must gather to discuss what to do. They are joined by



an extraterrestrial dog who attempts to help by giving them an otherworldly option.

Closing Time by Joseph Heller

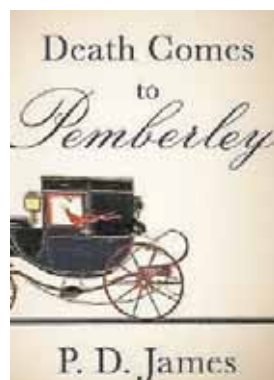
Fifty years after *Catch-22*, *Closing Time* finds protagonist Yossarian as an older man at the end of his life in Manhattan. Readers can expect another stint in the hospital. Yossar-



ian now working for Milo Minderbinder, Chaplain Tappan making an appearance, underground tunnels and a lot of talk of death.

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

Set after *Little Women*, *Little Men* follows second eldest sister Jo and her husband Friedrich Bhaer as they run a school



for boys at the Plumfield estate. We're introduced to students, among them orphans, street youth, Jo's sons Rob and Teddy and members of the Bhaer family, and follow their interactions with each other and the world over the course of six months.

That Was Then, This Is Now by S.E. Hinton

This unofficial sequel to *The Outsiders* also takes place in Tulsa, Okla. and features characters from the first book. Brothers Bryon and Mark feel a strain in their relationship when they must find money for their mother's medical bills on top of dealing with girlfriends and local gangs.

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Lois Lowry's middle school classic *The Giver* is actually the first of a quartet. Each follows a character connected to *The Giver*'s Jonas. All live in villages in the same dystopian world. While all possess unique abilities, from embroidery to mind reading, it is ultimately their interactions that encourage a move to a safer community.

Death Comes to Pemberley by P.D. James

Although not written by Jane

Austen, this murder-mystery followup was widely enjoyed and praised upon its release. Taking place six years after *Pride and Prejudice*, on the night of an annual ball, a family member of the Darcys and the Bingleys is killed on Pemberley grounds. The group must find out who present did it and why.

Author bears a passport to history

A DESPERATE FORTUNE

Writer weaves story through travel, in-depth research

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Those characters' words have filled Kearsley's passport with stamps from the U.K., Italy and other European locales. For her latest historical time-shifting caper, *A Desperate Fortune*, published by Simon & Schuster Canada, Kearsley bunked down at a gorgeous mid-1800s guest house

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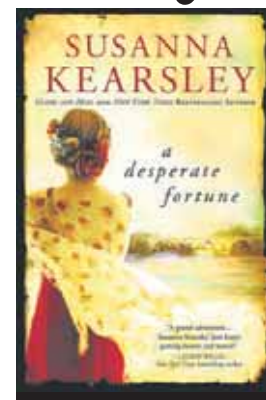
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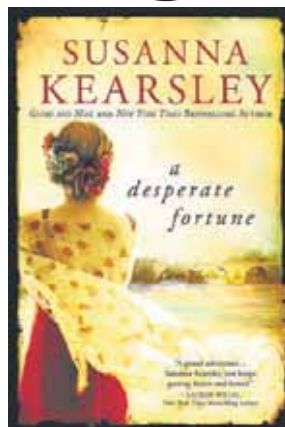
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One of Kearsley's biggest — and most personal — challenges for *A Desperate Fortune* was to get Sara correct.

Diagnosed with Asperger syndrome as a teen, the character finds numbers soothing but experiences difficulties in many

of her relationships. Kearsley drew on the experiences of her own family members with Asperger's, who acted like fact-checkers for the storyline.

"It was important for me to get that as right as possible because you don't see a lot of positive portrayals with people with Asperger's," says Kearsley. "Very often they end up being the punchline or the comic person around whom the plot evolves. I wanted to show someone who is a more accurate reflection of my own Aspies. Someone who is very competent, very intelligent; has a few challenges but is capable of having a good, relatively normal life."

Although Kearsley says, "research fuels the book and the book fuels the research," ultimately she doesn't feel the book is successful unless there's an underlying humanity.

"You want the reader to walk away having cared about the people, and maybe learned a little about the past and feel a little more connected and have it not be a place filled with starchy people you don't understand." *Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.*

Final chapter for killer anti-hero

NOVEL TURNED TV SHOW

Dexter gets a second ending as author says goodbye

Spoiler alert: Book Dexter does not become a lumberjack.

The eighth and final novel in the Dexter series, *Dexter Is Dead*, now in bookstores, picks up from the end of the previous book, with the titular vigilante serial killer under arrest and facing a murder charge — ironically for a crime he didn't actually commit.

"I always knew that someday the wheels would come off," author Jeff Lindsay said.

Starting with the 2004 novel *Darkly Dreaming Dexter*, the series follows the exploits of Dexter Morgan, a blood spatter analyst with the Miami-Dade Police Department. Following a code developed by his adoptive father — a police officer — to

Boy oh boy oh boy, did I get mail about that

Jeff Lindsay on fan reaction to the Dexter TV series finale

only kill other killers, Dexter balances a public life of work, friends and family with his not-so-public, homicidal pastime. But now Dexter's story is coming to a climatic conclusion.

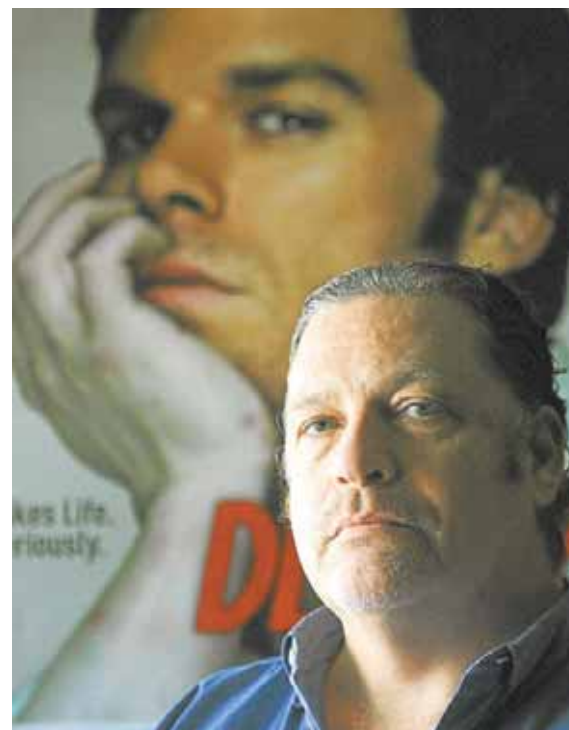
"I had all these wonderful, outrageous ideas for how it would happen, and I didn't end up using any of them, which I guess is par for the course," Lindsay said. "Your first idea, the one that gets you going, is never the one you end up with."

It's safe to assume that none of those ideas involved Dexter faking his death and starting a new life in the Pacific Northwest as a lumberjack. That's how the Dexter television series based on Lindsay's characters concluded in 2013 after eight seasons.

"Boy oh boy oh boy, did I get mail about that," Lindsay said.

While the first season of the show kept relatively close to the first novel, the plotlines of later seasons had virtually nothing to do with the books. So Lindsay could only tell irate fans, "It wasn't me."

Fan reaction aside, Lindsay said he doesn't really have an opinion on the final episode because he didn't see it. He had just



Author Jeff Lindsay poses next to a poster from the TV series *Dexter*. LUIS M. ALVAREZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

started a 10-month book tour for his previous novel, *Dexter's Final Cut*, and he didn't get a chance to watch the show's finale.

"So I don't have any opinion on whether it was good or bad except that TV is very, very different," Lindsay said. "The demands of that medium are very different

from what is demanded in the book, and it's never going to be the same thing."

Lindsay said he has mixed feelings about leaving a popular character and a successful book series behind.

"This is kind of what I had always wanted, to have a book

VOICE OF DEX

Lindsay said he was never bothered by the gruesome murders or the violent psychopaths he spent more than a decade writing about. He credits this to the training he received years ago while pursuing an acting career in Hollywood.

"One of the things they taught us was how to be the wacky neighbour on the hit sitcom," Lindsay said. "It's not who you are. You go home, and you take the costume off. You have dinner with the family. And the next day, you go in and put the costume on again. And that's always the way I wrote Dexter."

While Lindsay's acting career never really took off, he did get to use his voice-acting skills by performing the audiobooks of the last four Dexter novels, starting with the cannibalism-themed *Dexter Is Delicious*.

series like that," Lindsay said. "And to say goodbye to it is like launching yourself into the unknown and starting over again. But it was time. I don't think it got stale, but I felt like someday soon it might start to get stale on me. Better to go out on top, leave them wanting more."

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM NEW YORK FASHION WEEK: MEN'S

New York Fashion Week has always celebrated the glamour of women's fashion, but has relegated menswear to a supporting role. This week, building on a growing public appetite for men's fashion, the industry is putting on the first stand-alone men's fashion week in New York in nearly two decades. Here are some highlights of New York Fashion Week: Men's

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**1 Public School**

The hot young brand Public School put its models in glassed rooms for a series of jailhouse lineups. "No. 3, step forward," a recorded voice commanded at one point during the packed presentation. He obliged. The spring/summer 2016 collection in the brand's signature palette of black, white, grey and navy was a mix of athletic details with crisp tailored trousers, short and long, and lapelled jackets, sleeveless and not. LEANNE ITALIE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

2 EFM Engineered for Motion

A summery look from EFM Engineered for Motion's S/S 2016 collection. GETTY IMAGES

**3 Eponymovs By Hvrminn**

Eponymovs By Hvrminn's "refined but revolutionary" take on men's fashion. GETTY IMAGES

4 Michael Bastian

Michael Bastian showed preppy looks like this one. GETTY IMAGES

**5 Kenneth Ning**

Two fashion-forward creations from Kenneth Ning. GETTY IMAGES

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Eisenberg elaborates



Jesse Eisenberg. GETTY IMAGES

The *Social Network* star Jesse Eisenberg has raised more than a few eyebrows with his not-too-nice analogy for his experience of attending Comic-Con last week.

"It is like being screamed at by thousands of people," he told the Huffington Post. "I don't know what the experience is throughout history, probably some kind of genocide. I can't think of anything that's equivalent."

Yikes. But don't worry, the comments have attracted enough attention that Eisenberg has had a chance to clear up any confusion, telling the Hollywood Reporter, "I of course was using hyperbole to describe the sensory overload I experienced. I sometimes do employ that."

Well, sure. Why not? "I'm a normal person who has normal sensory experiences, so Comic-Con was very overwhelming for me. That said, it was really an honour to be on that end of such jubilation." So, all good now? NED EHRBAR/METRO

Baby news shocks fans



One Direction fans dismayed by report Louis Tomlinson to be a father. GETTY IMAGES

ONE DIRECTION

Tomlinson of One Direction announces he will be a dad

One Direction fans reacted with dismay Wednesday to a report that band member Louis Tomlinson is to become a father.

Publicist Simon Jones declined to comment on a *People* magazine report saying 23-year-old Tomlinson is ex-

pecting a child with American stylist Briana Jungwirth.

Fans responded on Twitter using the hashtag #OhNoLouis, and one wrote a song called No Birth Control teasing the boy band star. On the streets of London, reaction ranged from shock to disbelief.

"Is it an accident?" asked 16-year-old Australian fan Tara Kay. "That's crazy."

Clara Foxonnet, a 16-year-old fan from France, refused to believe it. "It can't be real! It's not possible," she said.

Australian fan Kiri Deane-Spread Speir, 17, said the news was "a shock. But I am not going to get angry ... If he is happy, I am happy."

And

18-year-old Solveig Diers from Germany wondered how the news would affect the band's carefree image and its popularity with teen and preteen girls.

"It doesn't fit into their perfect picture of a boy group," she said.

The chart-topping British band was formed in 2010 after five teenagers — Tomlinson, Harry Styles, Liam Payne, Niall Horan and Zayn Malik — auditioned individually for the British TV talent show *The X Factor*. Simon Cowell had the idea of putting them together as a boy band.

Malik quit the group earlier this year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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You wear it well

Rod Stewart says he's angry an image of him wearing a seal-skin coat is being used to support the industry.

The musician was in St. John's, N.L., to play a concert and stopped into a store to pick up capes for some of his crew. A message posted on his Facebook page says the shop's owner asked if he would pose for a photo in the jacket. The post says Stewart regrets he didn't check what the jacket was made of and is upset the photo is being used as an advertisement for an industry he does not support.

Darren Halloran of the store Always in Vogue says Stewart and his entourage were informed and it's possible he wasn't aware of the politics surrounding the seal industry. Halloran says he's sorry Stewart is getting some criticism. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chris Brown home invasion

Three armed men in masks forced their way into a Los Angeles home owned by Chris Brown, locked the R&B singer's aunt in a closet and then ransacked the place for valuables, police said.

Brown was not at the home during the robbery which happened around 2 a.m. Wednesday, Officer Liliana Preciado said. The suspects got away with an unknown amount of cash, electronics and personal items, she said. Brown's aunt was not hurt.

Investigators have not released descriptions of the suspects, who were armed with handguns and wore bandanas around their faces, police said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



KARDASHIAN

Kim acts pregnant

Maybe it doesn't count as news that Kim Kardashian is being more than a little demanding while pregnant.

I mean, this is Kim Kardashian we're talking about. But apparently, even though she's not the most reasonable person on a normal day and has already been pregnant, this one is really standing out.

"She's started requesting that a chair be on hand at all times in case she gets tired of standing. She's also requesting to only fly private so she can have room to sprawl out — and because she doesn't want others around," a source tells In



Kim Kardashian. GETTY IMAGES

Touch. "She also has designer clothing custom-tailored — even jeans — to fit her pregnant body and make her look her best. She's really going to extremes this time."

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What they're asking



When families outgrow inner-city condos, the next step is to seek a single-family dwelling. Townhomes or bungalows in the suburbs are a popular option. Here's a selection of three-bedroom modern bungalows outside the city core. **Duncan McAllister** FOR METRO



\$705,000

Vancouver

Modern bungalows aren't very common in B.C. Here's a nice one in the Fraser Heights neighbourhood of North Surrey. This rancher-style home at 10586 Glenwood Dr. N. sold at press time for \$705,000. Listing agent Michael Quesnel says it's a charming home on a really great street. The house has vaulted ceilings, a three-bedroom, three-bathroom layout, and more than 2,000 sq. ft. on a level lot. Outdoors is a covered living space, fenced-in yard and a garage. Quesnel is with Royal LePage Sussex, West Vancouver, 604-925-2911.



\$1,090,000

Halifax

This rancher-style home is on a waterfront lot at 80 Joan Elizabeth Way at Sandy Point Estates. This custom-built home boasts plenty of natural light and high-end features, plus an open-concept layout, highlighted by exotic hardwood and slate tile throughout. There's a cherrywood kitchen with granite counters and built-in appliances. The great room has an airtight, wood-burning fireplace and great views of the water. The master bedroom has a five-piece marble ensuite. Listing agent is Thomas Bagogloo with Re/Max Nova, 902-830-9006.



\$564,900

Winnipeg

This 1,670 sq. ft. home at 8 Fieldberry Way shows what you can get in the upscale neighbourhood of East St. Paul. Listing agent Lynne Couture says it's a stunning property, and that it's tough to get into the Prichard Farms area for less than \$600,000. The great room features a gas fireplace and panoramic windows, and the eat-in kitchen has wood cabinetry, solid surface countertops and plenty of cooking space. The finished basement has a wet bar and entertainment area. Couture is with Ethos Realty, 204-997-0867.



\$1,249,000

Toronto

Here's a special home in the Wentworth community in West Lansing. This double-brick, fully insulated home at 284 Burnett Ave. boasts a double garage, a huge master suite with a renovated bathroom, heated floors and a walk-in closet. The bright, open living areas include a modern kitchen with granite bar and new, stainless-steel appliances. Outside is a fenced-in pool and maintenance-free lawn. The property is close to a public school and the subway. Listing agent is Ora Ross with The Mulholland Ross Team, 416-230-8500.



\$399,900

Ottawa

Here's a contemporary, brick-built property at 14 Rayburn St., in the Morgan's Grant community. The home sits on a quiet street, close to all amenities. The main level offers nine-foot ceilings, a large living room and dining room, a spacious kitchen with plenty of counter space, and a good-sized eating area. There's main-floor laundry and a master bedroom with walk-in closet and ensuite. The finished lower level contains a den and rec room. Listing agent is Geoff McGowan with Re/Max Affiliates Brokerage, 613-216-1755.



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How to nail it with home art

DESIGN CENTRE

Karl Lohnes



Make every room a gallery with these tips — in no time, you'll be hanging framed works like a pro

Q: I just moved into a condo and want to start hanging photos, art and mirrors on the walls of the bedroom, den and hallway. Are there any guidelines to arranging? I like the collage effect but not sure where to begin. — Carole, Toronto

A: Here are my top rules for hanging art and mirrors throughout the home:



Hanging art over a large piece of furniture? Make sure the art is about 2/3 the width of the furniture and the bottom of the art hangs 6-10 inches from the top of the piece. CRATE AND BARREL

HALLWAYS

6. If hanging artwork gallery-style in a hall, the middle of the art should hang 66 inches from the floor.
7. No need to hang a different-sized art so the bottoms all line up evenly; centre each piece 66 inches from the floor.
8. To create a collage, arrange the large/heaviest piece in the middle and the smallest outward.
9. Look at the wall space between two doorways. If it's more vertical, then stack artwork vertically in that space.
10. Hang a large floor mirror opposite a doorway to make the hall appear wider at that point.
11. Track-style lighting (directed at art on side walls of a hall) will draw your eyes to the art and make the hallway look wider.

LIVING ROOM

12. The bottom of artwork or mirrors hung over a fireplace should be 3-6 inches above the top of the mantel.
13. Have little wall space in your floor-to-ceiling condo? Consider using an artist easel to display art in the corners.
14. Artwork over a sofa should fill 2/3 of the sofa's width.
15. Hang personal photos and memorabilia in more private areas, such as bedroom and dens.

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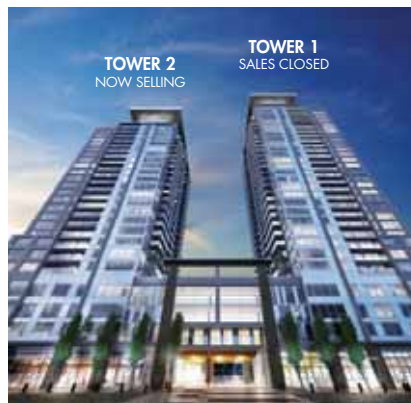
1. The overall size of art over a bed should be 2/3 the width of the headboard.
2. The bottom of the art should be hung 6 inches above a tall headboard and about 10-12 inches above a low headboard.
3. Hang art over the nightstands at a different height to the art hung over the headboard; the bottom of the art should be about 12 inches above the top of the nightstand.
4. Consider a large or tall decorative mirror and also use it as a dressing mirror.
5. Art should follow the shape of the top of your headboard.

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Knobs help pull a look together



Sleek, Asian-inspired metal drawer pulls adorn a master bathroom. SARAH DORIO/BURNHAM DESIGN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DECOR

Pulls, handles are like jewelry to accessorize style of a room

It's a small thing, often overlooked amid major items like furniture and paint colours when you're decorating a

room. But don't underestimate the power of household hardware.

These small items — door knobs, drawer pulls, cabinet-door handles — are "the jewelry" that can add style and sparkle to any space, says New York-based interior designer Young Huh.

Just as the right necklace can turn a simple dress into a fashion statement, a striking new

set of knobs on an old cabinet, or vintage crystal doorknobs can bring a huge dose of style to your home with minimal expense, she says.

Swapping these items out is often easy, and Los Angeles-based designer Betsy Burnham says her clients are frequently surprised at the visual impact of something as simple as carefully chosen hardware.

Last summer, she added door pulls made of rope tied in small nautical knots to the cabinets at a California beach house, inexpensively adding a dash of personality to the space.

Here, three interior-design experts — Huh, Burnham and designer Brian Patrick Flynn of Flynnside Out Productions — offer advice on choosing the right hardware and using it to co-ordinate the look of a home.

Trends

One of the most popular styles now is lacquered or aged brass. "Ten years ago," Huh says, "it was all about nickel: brushed nickel, shiny nickel. Now it's the resurgence of brass."

Designers are using "bold tones, and things that look worn," she says, by installing unlacquered brass that tarnishes over the course of a year, or paying extra for "pre-antiqued" brass that already has a colourful patina.

Flynn uses a lot of brass, especially "satin or antique finishes, because they're more sophisticated and less formal than polished, glossy styles."

In addition, "a newer option I'm seeing and totally love is matte black hardware," he says. "This is excellent for modern kitchens or for adding dark contrast to an otherwise light and bright space. The matte finish helps camouflage any scratches or smudges you'd deal with on glossy black pulls and knobs."

Another dramatic favourite of Flynn's: unlacquered iron.

Burnham and her staff recently gave a preteen girl's bedroom a more grown-up look by "changing the vibe from kind of old-fashioned to Bohemian." Their changes included a new set of striped, bone-inlay knobs from Anthropologie that gave the furniture a funky appeal.

The same approach can make grown-up furniture look just right for a baby or child's room: If you are turning a guest room into a nursery, Burnham says, change the cabinetry hardware to something "sweet or pink or shiny," or choose knobs shaped like birds or other animals.

If you're shopping, Huh suggests hunting for an affordable piece of furniture and then making it look more expensive by adding dramatic hardware.

The range of available styles is enormous, and shopping for new or vintage items online is easy. Even if you'd prefer to buy in person, Burnham says a bit of online research "makes your creativity kind of percolate a little bit."

"Just pay attention to dimensions," she warns, because you "may not realize that in person, an inch-and-a-half sphere is quite large."

Measure the size and location of the holes left behind by your current hardware, she says. If you buy replacements that don't match, drill new holes and fill the old ones.

And amid all the focus on style, do choose hardware that is easy to grab and use.

Consistency or contrast?

Take note of all the hardware and metals in a room, including lamp bases, and decide whether you want them to match or whether you'd like to inject some dramatic contrast.

Either method works, as long as it's done deliberately. "If you don't do it consciously," Huh says, "it could all look really messy." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stripes on the drawer knobs echo the mirror frame. CHRISTOPHER PATEY/DOMAIN HOME/BURNHAM DESIGN VIA THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pieces that move easily

For anyone who moves often or just wants to keep moving truck fees to a minimum, yet still wants a smart-looking home, the solution lies in furnishings that are both stylish and versatile.

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FAR LEFT: The New Prairie bookcase by Sauder draws inspiration from industrial scaffolding.

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NEAR LEFT: The Emmett leaning desk by Boston Interiors has two fixed shelves and a writing platform.

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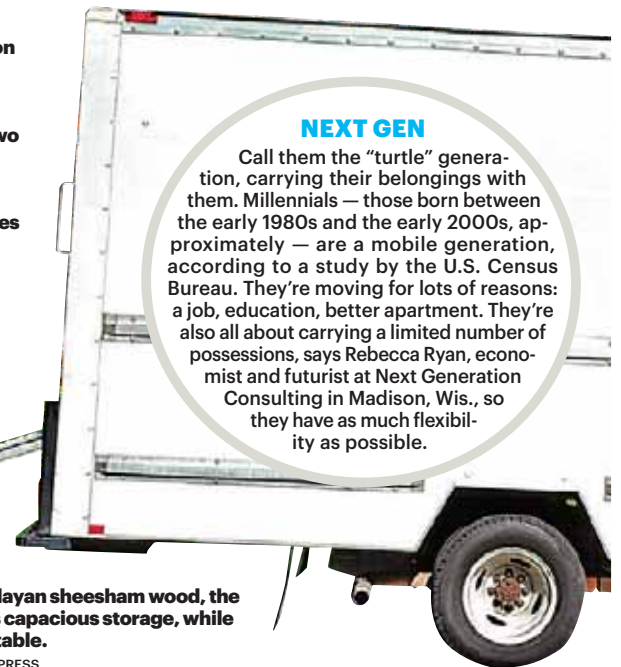
BELOW LEFT: The Confetti white coffee table by Sauder bypasses the traditional round or rectangle shape.

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ABOVE: Crafted in warm Himalayan sheesham wood, the Plantation storage trunk offers spacious storage, while serving as a handsome coffee table.

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NEXT GEN

Call them the "turtle" generation, carrying their belongings with them. Millennials — those born between the early 1980s and the early 2000s, approximately — are a mobile generation, according to a study by the U.S. Census Bureau. They're moving for lots of reasons: a job, education, better apartment. They're also all about carrying a limited number of possessions, says Rebecca Ryan, economist and futurist at Next Generation Consulting in Madison, Wis., so they have as much flexibility as possible.

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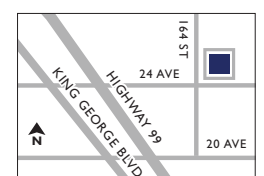


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Collie and Lulay quick on building chemistry

CFL

New Lions receiver has two TD catches in two games



Cam Tucker
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Austin Collie came to the B.C. Lions with a well-known NFL resumé, albeit one shortened by serious injuries. Having decided to come up north this off-season, it hasn't taken much time at all for the former Indianapolis Colt to make an impact on the Canadian game.

Born in Hamilton, Ont., which gives the receiver national status, Collie has already caught two touchdown passes, with 11 catches in total for 149 yards.

His latest major — a 46-yard catch in which Collie had to tiptoe to stay inbounds — helped spark a late fourth-quarter comeback in the Lions' emotional 35-32 overtime victory over the Saskatchewan Roughriders on home turf last Friday.

In such a short time frame, Collie and quarterback Travis Lulay have only started building a rapport with each other. The results are an encouraging

BACK IN PLAY

Slotback Taylor eager to return to Leos' lineup

Courtney Taylor has missed the pre-season and the first two games of the regular season with a hamstring injury, but it appears he'll finally make his debut when the Lions and Roughriders meet in a rematch of Week 3.

Taylor, an international receiver in his fourth year with the Leos, took first-team reps during practice on Wednesday.

"It's good now, 100 per cent healthy," said Taylor, who had 45 catches for 516 yards and two touchdowns last season.

sign of potential for things to come.

"There's a calmness level built in, knowing that he's been in some big football moments," said Lulay.

"Even though he's come off a knee injury and had some head-injury issues in the past and he had been out of football for a while, the fact he has a bit of a resumé and the fact I see how he operates at practice and see some of his tools helps to speed that along."

The Lions signed Collie in January.



Through his first two games in the CFL, Lions receiver Austin Collie has 11 catches for 149 yards. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

General manager Wally Buono was well aware of Collie's past injuries, including concussions and a knee injury that took such a toll on his NFL career, but was also adamant that if healthy, this acquisition could benefit the Lions.

Collie has so far been a fit with Lulay and this offence.

"I think we still have a ways to go to get it as strong as it potentially could be," said Collie of his working relationship with Lulay. "Each week, we tend to get more comfortable with each other."

Despite past injuries, Collie hasn't shown any hesitation to make tough catches, like one

of his first in the CFL, which saw him go up in the air to snag the ball, then fall hard to the turf.

"Got up, flipped the ball to the official like he'd been there before," said Lulay.

"He's fearless. He'll go anywhere to catch the ball," added head coach Jeff Tedford.

ROUGHRIDERS

Chamblin defiant amid criticism

The Saskatchewan Roughriders are the CFL's lone winless team but head coach Corey Chamblin has a message for the club's rabid fans: Relax.

"The only thing that's been truly lost in this season is the ability right now to go 16-2 for the regular season," Chamblin told reporters earlier this week. "We haven't lost the Grey Cup, we haven't lost first place, we haven't lost home-field advantage, we haven't lost anything so, no matter how you paint the picture, at some point I knew we'd lose at least three games during the damn season."

Chamblin guided the Riders to a Grey Cup title in 2013, but Saskatchewan is 0-3 heading into a rematch at home against the B.C. Lions, who rallied for a 35-32 win last weekend.

In fact, the Riders have held fourth-quarter leads in all three of their losses, prompting some Saskatchewan fans to ask for Chamblin's head.

"There's two podiums waiting at the end of the year — a championship podium or a cross," Chamblin said. "I'm prepared for either one of them."

"At the end of the day, I'll still work and I'll still be a great coach whether it's here in Saskatchewan this year or somewhere else the next couple of years. So to be honest, I don't give a damn about that." THE CANADIAN PRESS

PAN AM 2015



White Rock's Hilary Caldwell celebrates winning a gold medal in the 200-metre backstroke in Toronto on Tuesday.

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B.C. swimmers lead Canada's medal parade

Kierra Smith and Hilary Caldwell led Canada to a pair of one-two finishes in swimming Wednesday at the Pan American Games.

Smith, from Kelowna, won gold in the 200-metre women's breaststroke in a Pan Am record time of two minutes 24.38 seconds.

Toronto's Martha McCabe finished 0.13 seconds back to take silver. Annie Lazor of the United States finished third in 2:26.23.

Caldwell, from White Rock,

set a Pan Am record in the 200 backstroke, winning in 2:08.22.

Dominique Bouchard of North Bay, Ont., was second in 2:09.74, 0.66 seconds ahead of American Clara Smiddy.

Emily Overholt of West Vancouver, B.C., won silver in the women's 200 freestyle,

while Edmonton's Richard Funk added silver in the men's 200 breaststroke.

The men's 800-metre freestyle relay team comprised of Victoria's Jeremy Bagshaw and Ryan Cochrane, Stefan Miloshevich of Burnaby, B.C., and Alec Page of Cortes Island, B.C., was upgraded to silver from bronze when the United States was disqualified.

The Americans appealed the result. Canada's silver will stand until the appeal is heard on Thursday. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Kierra Smith
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MIDAS TOUCH

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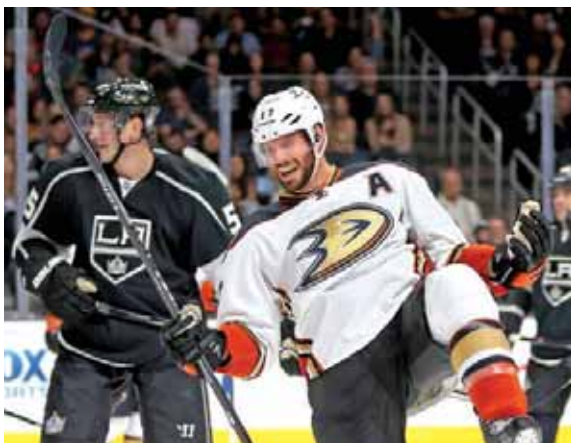
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Anaheim Ducks' centre Ryan Kesler scored 20 goals last season and was rewarded with a new deal. JEFF GROSS/GETTY IMAGES

Kesler at home in Anaheim

NHL

Centre happy as Ducks offer him six-year, \$41m deal

Centre Ryan Kesler got comfortable quickly with the Anaheim Ducks, and the club let him know the feeling is definitely mutual.

The veteran centre agreed to a six-year, \$41.25 million US contract extension with the Ducks on Wednesday, cementing a long-term commitment after just one season together.

"I definitely feel a part of the core group now," Kesler said. "They wanted me, and I wanted to stay." Kesler had 20 goals, 27 assists and 75 penalty minutes last year in Anaheim after spending his first nine NHL seasons with the Vancouver Canucks. The hard-nosed U.S. Olympian filled a key role as the Ducks' second-line centre while matching up defensively against many teams' top scorers.

Kesler also had seven goals

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Kesler has one year left on his current contract. His new deal has an average annual value of \$6.875 million and extends through the 2021-22 season, when he will be 37 years old.

and six assists in a standout play-off effort as the three-time Pacific Division champion Ducks fell one game short of the Stanley Cup Final, losing to Chicago in the Western Conference finals.

"That dressing room is so close, and we hold ourselves to the highest standard," Kesler said.

"That group is not satisfied until we win a Stanley Cup. When we do win that Stanley Cup, I don't think we'll be satisfied then, either. "We're going to want another one. We were one game away from going to the final, and that experience will help us next year."

"This isn't my last contract," Kesler said. "I want another one after this." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CYCLING IN BRIEF

Majka wins Stage 11 but Froome still leading Tour

Rafal Majka led a solo break-away to win the 11th stage of the Tour de France under a scorching sun on Wednesday, leaving behind a small group of rivals on the

hardest climb of Day 2 in the Pyrenees mountains as Chris Froome easily retained the yellow jersey.

The stage victory by Majka, a Pole who won twice on last year's Tour, provided a lift for a Tinkoff Saxo Bank

team whose leader, two-time Tour winner Alberto Contador, has been struggling in this year's race. Tinkoff Saxo became the seventh squad to win a stage in a race otherwise dominated by Froome's powerful Team Sky.

"I like this weather when it's really hot. Many others suffer, but I prefer this to rain," Majka said. "I think that to be a climber, you have to be born a climber ... I like long ascents like this."

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NFL IN BRIEF

Source: New contract ends Bryant's Dallas drama

A person close to the negotiations says Dez Bryant has agreed to a five-year, \$70 million contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

The deal with the All-Pro receiver broke a stalemate that lasted months, and ended before the Wednesday deadline to get a multi-year

deal done. Bryant had threatened to skip training camp and regular-season games without a new contract.

Now the Cowboys can focus on defending their NFC East title and trying to make a deeper playoff run after one that ended on Bryant's much-debated catch that wasn't in a loss to Green Bay. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1/3 cup diced green onions
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro or parsley
- 3 cups packaged coleslaw mixture
- 1/4 cup light mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp apple cider vinegar
- 6 hamburger buns, toasted

- 6 pieces romaine lettuce
- 6 slices tomato

Directions

1. Combine hot BBQ sauce, chicken, green onions and cilantro in a bowl.

2. Separately, combine coleslaw, mayonnaise and vinegar in a bowl.

3. Place lettuce and tomato on bottom of buns. Divide chicken mixture over top and then coleslaw.

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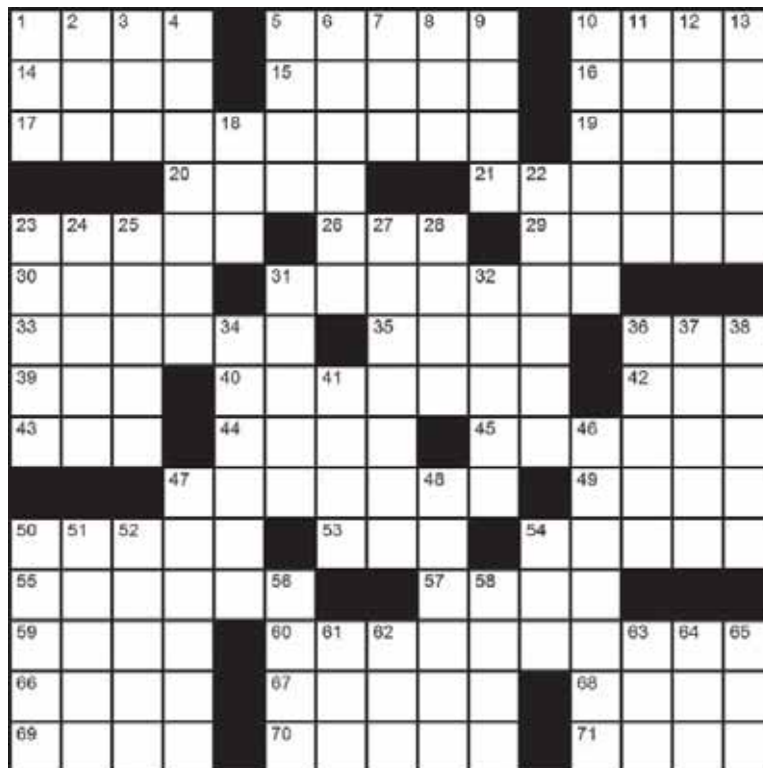
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- Gold (Canadian brand of pretzels since 1917)
- Singer known for her numbered albums
- Outfit
- Cream-filled cookie
- Red carpet cars
- Away from the wind, at sea
- Party mix pieces: 2 wds.
- Lemon's friend
- Slacken
- Cream-filled pastry
- Sculptor of ancient Athens known for the Discus Thrower
- Bar drink
- Party givers
- Hairdo
- "Hurdy Gurdy Man" singer
- Hearty laugh
- Shades
- Morn's follower
- Gwen's "Rich Girl" collaborator
- Rebels/rule breakers
- Former bird of New Zealand
- "Ballad" suffix
- Thaw
- The __: Canadian punk band known for "New York City"
- Type of grill
- Burden
- Bustling
- The Guess __
- Literary genre
- Billy's beard?
- Canadian comedian Caroline
- Long-range



- weapon, commonly
- Canadian invented kitchen gadget to zest oranges, grate garlic, etc.
- Bug type
- Rarified fluid in the veins of ancient Greek gods

- Prime Minister William __ Mackenzie King (b.1874 - d.1950)
- Fork-tailed sea bird
- "You __" by Alanis Morissette
- Archery bow trees

DOWN

- Steal
- Parry Sound, Ontario-born hockey legend Bobby
- Grazing grass-land
- Fall asleep: 2 wds.
- Shakespeare's __ Well

- That Ends Well
- Money, informally
- Flightless flapper
- Batch
- Latin 'being'
- Gas quantity
- Old Jennifer Garner series
- Send payment

- Labatt products
- Canadian singer/songwriter Mr. Tyson
- Ballerina's gliding step
- The Cremation of Sam __ (Yukon-set poem by Robert Service)
- James Taylor hit: "Got a Friend"
- More abundant
- Disconnect the trailer from the car
- Grimace
- Dork
- Rigoletto opera composer
- Like, as a work of art
- __ acid
- Concentrate
- Cup, in a Montreal restaurant
- Imperfection
- Respectably/virtuously
- Bret "The __" Hart, Canadian wrestling legend
- Shriek-inducing film genre
- Don't look __ horse in the mouth
- Architectural base
- Southern Alberta town
- Sprightliness
- Early film/dom's Mr. Jannings
- Highway honker
- Frozen stuff
- Pussycat Dolls hit: "Don't __"
- Pirate's positive
- This moment
- Nav. rank

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Forget about the past, it is over and done with. Only the future counts and today's new moon means the future starts for you right here and right now.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You need to come out of your shell and remind the world that you exist. Don't limit yourself to the tried and tested: the more you experiment the more likely it is you will find what you are looking for - and others will value your worth.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
The new moon indicates that if someone makes you an offer of a financial nature it is most likely on the level and should be seriously considered.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Others may doubt that you are on the right track but with the new moon on your side you will win them over before the end of the day. This is your time of year.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Do what makes you happy rather than what makes friends and family happy. If you don't feel like socializing or travelling or communicating over the next 24 hours, then don't.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Do you change with the times or do you expect the times to change for you? The latter isn't going to happen, of course, so forget it and get to work on a project that will dovetail nicely with the new world you find yourself in.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon will give you the courage to stand up and take charge. What happens over the next 24 hours could change the working course of your life dramatically.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't worry about minor matters today because it is the big picture you should be looking at now. Take an overview of what is happening, both in your personal affairs and in the world at large. What you see will surely delight you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Focus on what is truly important today: your long-term financial security. What you begin over the next 24 hours will pay big dividends in the not-too-distant future.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You will have to work hard to overcome some sort of challenge today. But anyone who thinks they are tough enough to take you on and win will soon be nursing their wounds!

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You must be pragmatic and deal with each situation as it arises and on its own terms. There is no point complaining about those who are dragging their feet or doing things the wrong way.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Amazing things will happen for no apparent reason over the next 24 hours. The new moon is well and truly on your side. Creatively and romantically you can do no wrong.

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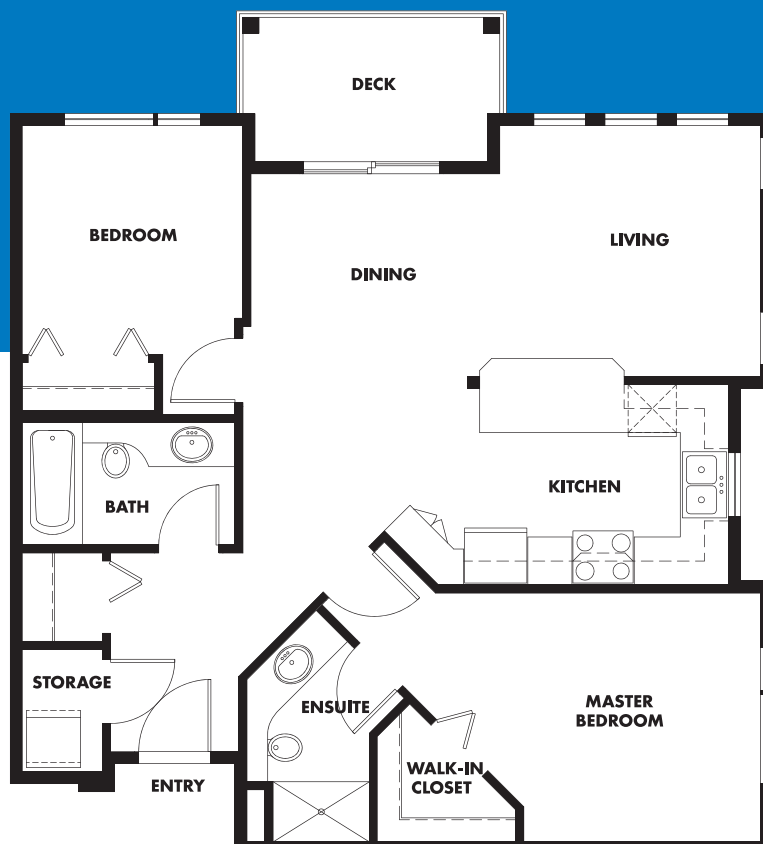
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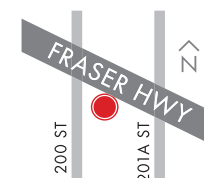
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